



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD
City Council Chambers
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541
Tuesday, November 9, 1999, 8:00 p.m.**

MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Cooper at 8:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Hilson.

ROLL CALL

Present: COUNCIL MEMBERS Jimenez, Hilson,
Rodriquez, Ward, Dowling, Henson
MAYOR Cooper
Absent: None

PROCLAMATIONS: Regarding Census 2000

Mayor Cooper read the proclamation describing the outreach program to insure that every Hayward resident is counted. She requested the Complete Count Committee members, who were present to stand and were recognized. Senior Planner Gary Calame accepted the proclamation on behalf of the committee and described the participation of the Committee.

Regarding Veterans Day

Mayor Cooper read the proclamation in honor of the national holiday on November 11, 1999 and the parade that will take place in Hayward. She asked those veterans present to stand. John E. Lingar, Parade Coordinator, received the proclamation and thanked the Council for the special recognition to the veterans.

PRESENTATIONS: Business Recognition Award

The Business Recognition Award for the month of November was given to Data Broadcasting Corporation, located at 3955 Point Eden Way. Data Broadcasting Corporation is a financial information services company that serves different markets such as federal lobbyists and institutional software users. The Hayward branch, with 200 employees, provides continuous updates on stocks to individual investors. This Award was presented to Data Broadcasting Corporation in recognition of their contribution to the vitality and economic well-being of our community, by moving their facility from San Mateo to Hayward. Stephen Farber, Vice President, Finance and Administration, accepted the award on behalf of the company. He stated that the location of DBC at the gateway of Hayward near the San Mateo bridge has provided enhanced visibility and Hayward has provided DBC employees more affordable housing than on the peninsula.

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Helen Putnam Award to the City of Hayward

Chris McKenzie, League of California Cities Executive Director made this special presentation. He briefly described the history of this award named after a former Petaluma City Council Member and Sonoma County supervisor who exemplified innovation and leadership. The City of Hayward Civic Center Plaza Project was awarded the Grand Prize in the category of Land Use and Environmental Quality for its innovative approach to meeting the needs of this community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Bogue, 729 Poinciana, announced that the Southgate neighborhood will sponsor a City Council candidates' night at the Alameda County Public Works facility at Turner Court on February 9. Secondly, he reported that he attended the grand opening of the Sears Homelife Center at Southland this past weekend and noted he was quite impressed with both the appearance of the store, as well as hearing that it is the fifth best selling Sears furniture store.

Francisco Abrantes, 22815 Alice Street, showed a diagram of Alice and Clare Streets and asked that Public Works replace a missing manhole cover. He also made a historical comment related to governments.

Jason Moreno, 25200 Carlos Bee Boulevard, commented on the working schedules of police staff.

John Gilbertson, 22907 Nevada Road, commented on the need for additional signal lights in the southern portion of the Longwood-Winton Grove neighborhood, and asked that his request be placed on the next agenda.

William Blundin, 1089 D Street, stated that he was a veteran and read a poem by Robert Service as well as showed a picture of outer space nebula.

CONSENT

1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 26, 1999

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Ward, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council of October 26, 1999.

2. Animal Control Facility Improvements: Approval of Plans and Specifications, Call for Bids, and Approval of the Application for Grant Funds

Staff report submitted by Deputy Director of Public Works



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Bauman, dated November 9, 1999, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Ward, and unanimously carried to adopt the following:

Resolution 99-174 "Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the Animal Control Facility Improvement Project, Project No. 6948, and Call for Bids and Authorizing the City Manager to File an Application for State Grant Funds

3. Construction of Wheelchair Ramps at Various Locations: Approval of Plans and Specifications and Call for Bids

Staff report submitted by Deputy Director of Public Works
Bauman, dated November 9, 1999, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Ward, and unanimously carried to adopt the following:

Resolution 99-175, "Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for Construction of Wheelchair Ramps at Various Locations, Project No. 5181, and Call for Bids"

4. Final Tract Map 7044 – Passport Homes, Inc. (Subdivider) – Approve the Final Map and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Subdivision Agreement for the Tract Improvements

Staff report submitted by Planning Manager Anderly, dated
November 9, 1999, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Ward, and unanimously carried to adopt the following:

Resolution 99-176, "Resolution Approving Final Map for Tract 7044, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Subdivision Agreement"

5. Resignation of Ruth N. Friton from the Citizens Advisory Commission

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Staff report submitted by City Clerk Reyes, dated November 9, 1999, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Ward, and unanimously carried to adopt the following:

Resolution 99-177, "Resolution Accepting Written Resignation of Ruth N. Friton as a Member of the Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Hayward"

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

6. Informational Report on Traffic Calming Measures on Orchard Avenue

Staff report submitted by Deputy Director for Public Works Bauman, for November 9, 1999, was filed.

Public Works Director Butler discussed a meeting between staff and residents in the Orchard neighborhood at which they asked for a plan to discourage speeding in that area. He then presented the staff-developed traffic-calming plan, showing an example of what is being proposed, including roundabouts which are an effective tool in slowing traffic. Additionally, they proposed two raised intersections, as well as speed humps on Thomas Avenue. It was noted that, in order to ease traffic speed, both new developments at Twin Bridges and the Blue Rock development propose roundabouts.

Council Member Ward asked about the effect on the right turn lane onto Joyce. He was told that the right turn lane would be eliminated by channelizing the traffic into one lane and allowing those in the roundabout the choice of continuing to the right and onto Joyce or they continue to the left to continue west-bound onto Orchard.

Council Member Henson wondered about the effectiveness of roundabouts on slowing traffic. He also asked whether the school district was involved in this proposal regarding student safety at crossing lanes.

City Manager Armas said this will make the street safer and new sidewalks will be added.

Council Member Jimenez said he was amazed that we have to make improvements to accommodate out of town drivers. He asked for a financial report on the cost of these improvements and added that this would not be necessary if we had built the Route 238 freeway.

Council Member Hilson expressed the concern of a resident that moving traffic to the right would encourage one to turn right on Joyce and thus increase traffic on that street.



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Public Works Director Butler stated that automobiles might take a right on Joyce, which could take traffic back to Whitman and doesn't really go anywhere. Increased traffic on Joyce Street would be insignificant.

Council Member Dowling asked about the striping and was informed that there will be raised pavement markers as well as stripes. He asked whether landscaping was considered. It was noted that this is experimental and landscaping would increase the costs, but in the future it would certainly enhance the appearance. In response to his question, staff noted that in October 1995, there were 13,000 trips which is a fair amount of traffic for this area.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that this proposal seemed to increase traffic and commented on the difficulties that smaller automobiles have maneuvering these calming roundabouts.

Council Member Ward noted that this is a response to the needs of the community and suggested that staff consider and evaluate the extent of this project. He suggested staff evaluate the plan at the completion of the roundabout before considering constructing the remainder of the project.

Mayor Cooper opened the public hearing at 9:10 p.m.

Reinhold Koshmieder, 25185 Soto Road, said he felt that city staff was imposing this proposal on the neighborhood. He indicated that he is negatively impacted by traffic on Soto Road where he resides.

City Manager Armas noted that Mr. Koshmieder attended both informational meetings, and indicated that the residents had ample opportunity to gain information on the proposal.

Mayor Cooper closed the public hearing at 9:14 p.m.

City Manager Armas commented that staff was being asked not to install the raised intersections until evaluation of the effect of the roundabouts was completed.

Council Member Dowling thanked the staff for the attention given to this area and making this street a priority for improvements.

There was consensus to work on the roundabouts prior to constructing the raised intersections, except for Council Member Hilson, who felt that the entire project package is essential for calming traffic in this neighborhood.

Council Member Henson asked that in future meetings with the community that staff provide information on what these improvements mean to the pedestrian.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Rodriquez announced that she attended a safety meeting that encompassed five schools. There was good representation from every school. She recognized the Police and Fire Departments. There was concern regarding traffic near schools. Police Officer Tom Rodriquez was an excellent presenter at this community meeting. She complimented all those who attended. She stressed the need to work with the schools to resolve some of these issues.

Council Member Henson reported on his attendance at a National League of Cities Public Safety meeting in Littleton, Colorado, where they met with some of the parents of students who died at Columbine. He added further comments on a policy for the National League. He suggested Council consider some resolutions on gun control. He commented on the discussion regarding the banning of a gun known as the "street sweeper," that is legal to carry in some states. He will keep the Council informed on his activities with the National League.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Roberta Cooper, Mayor, City of Hayward

ATTEST:

Angelina Reyes, City Clerk, City of Hayward